GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
STEEL
LOK SABHA

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BHILAI STEEL PLANT
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Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) the total turnover and profits made by Bhilai Steel Plant (BSP) during the last three years;

(b) whether the Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) has proposed any capacity expansion plan for the BSP;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the BSP is facing the threat of closure in the coming years due to inadequate security to its mining projects; and

(e) if so, the action taken/being taken by the Government to improve the security of the steel plant and its mining projects?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STEEL (SHRI BENI PRASAD VERMA)

(a) The total turnover and profits made by Bhilai Steel Plant during each of the last three years and the current year (April-Sept'12) are as under :-

(Rs. in crore)

	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13 (April-September 2012)
Turnover	15874	17236	17910	8413
Profit Before Tax	4270	3491	2715	1133

(b)&(c): Under the ongoing modernization & expansion plans of five Integrated Steel Plants and Special Steel Plant of Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL), Bhilai Steel Plant (BSP) is being expanded from its installed crude steel capacity of 3.93 Million Tonne Per Annum (MTPA) to 7.00 MTPA with an indicative investment of Rs. 17,266 Crore.

(d)&(e): Existing Captive Iron Ore Mines are supplying ore to the Plant and these mines have capacity to meet the requirement of Plant for the coming 5 years period. Beyond this period, Iron Ore has to be sourced from Rowghat mines in Bastar region. The progress of Rowghat mining project and Rail line project is affected because of inadequate security cover in this naxal infested area.

To review the security requirements for the project, a meeting was held on 02.07.2012 in the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) under the Chairmanship of Home Secretary and it was agreed to provide security cover to Rowghat Rail Line and Mining projects by State and Central Paramilitary forces. State Govt. has earmarked 3(three) State Armed Forces Companies and MHA has assured to provide 4(four) battalions of Central Paramilitary Forces for these projects and one BSF battalion has already arrived at Bhilai for deployment.